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HIZZONNER THE PENGUIN

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BATMAN

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Batman leaves
paper fight

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NOTE:

CAST and SET LISTS, and REPRISE of Part One
will follow with REVISED VERSION. This is a
rush job and the writer did not have time to
incorporate them in this draft.

"HIZZONNER THE PENGUIN"

TEASER

FADE IN

1 EXT. DOWNTOWN BUILDING - DAY 1

Over the entrance a sign announces: "GOTHAM CITY CHARITY FUND, ANNUAL LUNCHEON." A COP stands at one side of the entrance, and a PHOTOGRAPHER snaps pictures of various well-dressed GUESTS as they enter. A limousine pulls up and disgorges another couple.

2 ANOTHER ANGLE 2

The photographer snaps a picture of the new arrivals.

3 ANGLE ON COP 3

nodding at the guests as they enter. Then he glances up the street and sees something unsettling.

COP
Uh-oh. There's trouble on the wing.

4 COP'S P.O.V. - THE PENGUIN - DOWN THE STREET 4

disembarking from a limousine, with his usual flirt and flutter.

5 RESUME - COP 5

COP
That crooked quacker's up to no good.

He starts toward the Penguin.

6 MED. SHOT - NEWSSTAND 6

near the Penguin. The BLIND NEWSDEALER has his hands up, while an ugly-looking MUG holds a gun on him and rifles the CHANGE HOLDER which the newsdealer wears strapped around his waist.

NEWSDEALER
Help! Help! I'm being hijacked by a hairy hooligan!

7 ANGLE ON PENGUIN

7

PENGUIN

Heavens! Foul play in our fair city! Citizen Penguin to the rescue!

He runs over to the newsstand and SPINS the mug around with his umbrella handle.

PENGUIN

The jig is up, foul filcher of farthings!

The mug points his gun at Penguin, but Pengy quickly reverses his umbrella, which now has a BOXING GLOVE on the end of it, and begins pummeling the mug, pummelty-pum-pum-pum.

PENGUIN

I'll teach you to prey on helpless Gothamites, vile villain!

8 WIDER ANGLE - INCLUDE COP AND PHOTOGRAPHER

8

The cop watches incredulously while the photographer kneels to shoot. FLASH, he snaps the picture as the Penguin floors the mug.

COP

What's going on, Penguin? I'm the cop -- it's me you should be hitting.

PENGUIN

Penguin strike an officer of the law? Inconceivable! That I should...
(looks o.s.)
Heavens!

9 PENGUIN'S P.O.V. - MOTHER AND BABY CARRIAGE

9

The carriage is streaking down the sidewalk toward an intersection, followed by shrieking mother.

MOTHER

Help! My baby!

10 MED. SHOT - LARGE TRUCK

10

rumbling down the street toward intersection and baby.

11 RESUME - PENGUIN ET AL

11

PENGUIN

Once again, Citizen Penguin hears
the clarion call of civic duty.
(running)
Gangway!

12 ANGLE ON PENGUIN

12

As he runs he REVERSES his umbrella and aims it toward
the runaway carriage.

13 INSERT - UMBRELLA HANDLE

13

ZZIP! it shoots OFF the umbrella, trailing a WIRE behind
it.

14 ANGLE - ROLLING CARRIAGE (PROCESS)

14

BUILDING FRONTS flash by behind the carriage. Penguin's
UMBRELLA HANDLE flies INTO SHOT and HOOKS the carriage.

15 ANGLE - PENGUIN AND CARRIAGE

15

Penguin is REELING IN the carriage. He reels it out of
the street just as the huge truck roars past, missing it
by a feather.

16 REACTION - COP

16

Befuddled expression #3, as prescribed by Gotham City
Police Handbook.

COP
Either me or the Penguin is crazy.

17 MED. SHOT - PENGUIN, MAMA, PHOTOGRAPHER

17

Penguin is holding the carriage. Mama is snatching baby
out of the carriage. Photographer is snapping.

MAMA
You saved my baby. How can I
ever repay you?

PENGUIN
Tut tut, it was nothing, Madam.
Any noble, courageous, self-
sacrificing citizen would have
done the same.

(strikes a pose,
to photographer)
The left profile, please.

Cont.

17 Cont.

17
Cont.

PENGUIN (Cont.)

(photographer
snaps)

Thank you.

18 INT. BANQUET HALL - DAY (STOCK) 18

A well-dressed crowd at luncheon tables.

19 ANGLE - HEAD TABLE 19

The CHAIRMAN is addressing the crowd. On either side of him sit the people we saw going into the hall.

CHAIRMAN

My friends, the Gotham City Charity Fund is in dire straits. Our treasury is almost empty. Unless we receive additional funds, we will have to cancel our annual food-basket distribution.

PENGUIN

(calling, o.s.)

Citizen Penguin to the rescue!

20 WIDER ANGLE - INCLUDE PENGUIN 20

bustling toward the chairman. The lunchers react appropriately: the women grab their jewels, and the men clutch at their wallets.

CHAIRMAN

Penguin! Surely even you wouldn't stoop to robbing a charity fund.

PENGUIN

Rob? My dear fellow, I've come to give, not take.

He hands the chairman a CHECK.

CHAIRMAN

(reading)

A check for one hundred thousand dollars! The Gotham City Charity Fund is saved.

The chairman shakes hands with the Penguin.

Cont.

20 Cont.

20
Cont.

CHAIRMAN

Penguin, I don't know what to say.

21 ANOTHER ANGLE - INCLUDE PHOTOGRAPHER

21

PHOTOGRAPHER

Say cheese.

Penguin and the chairman look toward the photographer,
who snaps them.

22 INT. TELEPHONE BOOTH - DAY

22

The cop is talking to the commissioner.

COP

Commissioner, the Penguin has
finally flipped his feathers.

23 INT. COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE

23

He's on the phone.

COMMISSIONER GORDON

He what?

(beat)

All right, Sims, go back and keep
an eye on him.

(hangs up)

The Penguin a philanthropist? That
feathered fiend is cooking up some-
thing foul in that bubbling cauldron
of his.

(goes to phone)

There's only one man who can unravel
this tangled skein...

24 INT. WAYNE STUDY - DAY

24

DICK is standing in the middle of the study, holding a
LETTER OPENER in front of him, and striking a theatrical
pose. BRUCE watches from a sofa.

DICK

(declaiming)

Hark! Is this a dagger I see
before me?

BRUCE

It's very nice that you're playing
the lead in the school play, Dick,
but don't forget you have a civics
exam coming up. Besides, Alfred
may be getting uncomfortable.

PART ONE

FADE IN

30 INT. COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE - DAY 30
 CHIEF O'HARA bursts in, waving a NEWSPAPER.

CHIEF O'HARA
 Commissioner, look at this!

He flattens the newspaper on Commissioner Gordon's desk.

31 INSERT - NEWSPAPER 31
 The TOP HALF of the front page, with a banner headline:
 "PENGUIN TO RUN FOR MAYOR OF GOTHAM" PAN TO BOTTOM HALF of
 front page, which displays PHOTOS of the Penguin engaged
 in his heroic deeds of the teaser.

32 TWO SHOT 32
 COMMISSIONER GORDON
 That explains the Penguin's
 sudden rush of civic duty.
 (gets up)
 I'd better call Batman on the mobile
 Batphone.

33 INT. BATMOBILE COCKPIT - BATMAN AND ROBIN - DAY 33
 WE HEAR the sound of the mobile Batphone ringing (or
 whatever it does to attract attention).

BATMAN
 The Batphone, Robin.
 Commissioner Gordon's probably
 heard the news too.

ROBIN
 (picking up
 Batphone)
 Yes, Commissioner. Yes, we've
 already heard about it. We
 picked up a newscast on the
 Batradio.

BATMAN
 Tell the Commissioner we'd better
 meet him at the Mayor's office.

34 INT. COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE

34

Commissioner Gordon on the Batphone.

COMMISSIONER GORDON

Right, Boy Wonder. The Chief
and I will go right over.

He hangs up.

35 RESUME - BATMOBILE COCKPIT

35

ROBIN

How can the Penguin run for
mayor, Batman? Aren't convicted
felons barred from elective office?

BATMAN

I'm afraid the Penguin did his
civics homework, Robin. And he
undoubtedly discovered that the
Gotham City Charter of seventeen
ninety-three has never been
officially repealed.

ROBIN

But that old charter has been
ignored for over a century.

BATMAN

Ignored, yes. But still in force,
legally. And in Paragraph
thirty-four-A, it specifically
allows convicted criminals to run
for office. Legally, the Penguin
is completely within his rights.

36 EXT. MUNICIPAL BUILDING - DAY

36

The Batmobile pulls up in front.

37 CLOSER SHOT - BATMOBILE

37

The Duo hop out.

ROBIN

The Penguin as mayor of Gotham City!
What a horrible thought.

BATMAN

I don't think there's much danger
of it happening, old chum.

38 INT. MUNICIPAL BUILDING - ANGLE ON ELEVATOR - DAY 38

Angled so we can see the ELEVATOR OPERATOR, but not the inside of the elevator. Batman and Robin ENTER first the SHOT and then the ELEVATOR. The doors begin to close...

39 INT. ELEVATOR 39

BEHIND Batman and Robin are THREE PASSENGERS.

BATMAN

I don't think the voters will be taken in by the Penguin's shenanigans.

(to elevator operator)

Thirteen, please.

(to Robin)

We can trust the good citizens of Gotham to reject anyone with the Penguin's shady background.

WE HEAR the elevator wheeze to a stop, and the door open. Batman and Robin move PAST THE CAMERA OUT OF SHOT, exposing the three passengers to view -- all of whom sport PLATE-SIZE CAMPAIGN BUTTONS bearing the slogan:

"PENGUIN FOR MAYOR."

PULL BACK SLIGHTLY, as the closing elevator doors come slowly out of the wall, bearing equal halves of the slogan:

"VOTE FOR THE PENGUIN."

40 INT. MAYOR'S OFFICE - ANGLE ON COMMISSIONER GORDON AND CHIEF O'HARA - DAY 40

The two minions are looking o.s. with solicitous concern. WE HEAR the door open behind them, and they turn...

41 WIDER ANGLE 41

Batman and Robin enter.

COMMISSIONER GORDON

Thank heavens you're here.

BATMAN

(looks around)

Where's the Mayor?

Commissioner Gordon and Chief O'Hara look o.s. The Duo follow their gaze.

42 P.O.V. - THE MAYOR

42

Prostrate on a couch, attended by a DOCTOR AND NURSE. The doctor is stethoscopying while the nurse waves a bottle of smelling salts under the Mayor's nose.

43 WIDER ANGLE

43

The four come over as the Mayor comes out of his faint.

DOCTOR

He's suffering from mild shock,
but I think he'll be all right.

MAYOR

Mild! There's nothing mild about
running for Mayor against the
Penguin.

BATMAN

I think you tend to overestimate
the Penguin, Mayor.

MAYOR

The Gotham City New Dealers Association
doesn't overestimate him. They
endorsed him.

CHIEF O'HARA

Thanks to those shenanigans he
pulled this afternoon.

MAYOR

And the same shenanigans got him
the endorsement of the
Gotham Mothers' Society, and the
Charity Fund -- not to mention the
East Coast Bird Lover's Society.

BATMAN

Still, Mayor, I don't think there's
cause for any alarm.

MAYOR

Alarm? Who's alarmed? I'm
resigning from the race.

ROBIN

But you can't do that. Then the
Penguin will win by default.

MAYOR

Better by default than by landslide.

Cont.

43 Cont.

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Cont.

MAYOR (Cont.)

(goes to his
desk, presses
intercom)Miss O'Dwyer, send in Gallus,
Rooper, and Trendek.

44 ANGLE ON DOOR

44

Enter GALLUS, ROOPER, AND TRENDEK, the Mad Ave pollsters. They display identical clothes (Ivy), smiles (pasty), and brief cases (natty). Each brief case carries the slogan:

"LINDY FOR MAYOR."

Gallus carries a large rolled-up chart under his arm.

45 ANOTHER ANGLE

45

The laymen gather in a group to receive enlightenment. The experts sail into their routine with the clockwork precision of an Army drill squad. Gallus unrolls the CHART (a simple bar chart) while Rooper untelescopes a POINTER, and Trendek plays the M.C.

TRENDEK

(to Rooper)

Take it away, C.F.

ROOPER

Thank you, E.G.

(points to chart)

This is an accurate depiction
of the Gotham City electorate
as determined by our famous
random sampling method.

46 ANGLE ON THREE

46

ROOPER

The question posed was:

GALLUS

Who do you prefer as mayor of
Gotham City?

TRENDEK

Whom, Q.V.

GALLUS

Quite right, C.F. Whom do you
prefer as mayor of Gotham City?

Cont.

46 Cont.

46
Cont.

ROOPER

Results:

(points)

Thirty per cent stated their preference for Mayor Lindy.

As the others speak, Rooper points to the appropriate bar with his pointer.

TRENDEK

Sixty per cent preferred the Penguin.

GALLUS

And seven per cent were undecided.

47 ANGLE - SPECTATORS

47

ROBIN

What's the fourth line on the chart?

48 ANGLE - POLLSTERS

48

ROOPER

Ah yes. That represents two old ladies who are backing Harry Goldwinner, the Monarchist candidate.

Gallus rolls up the chart, Rooper telescopes his pointer.

TRENDEK

That, gentlemen, is the Big Picture.

ROOPER

Accurately determined by representative sampling.

GALLUS

An statistical analysis.

49 ANGLE ON DUO

49

ROBIN

How many people did you sample?

BATMAN

Good thinking, Robin.

50 ANOTHER ANGLE

50

ROOPER

Twenty-seven.

ROBIN

Twenty-seven! Why that's like
polling the whole country using
only twelve hundred people!

GALLUS

How many there are is irrelevant,
young man. It's how representative
they are.

TRENDEK

Right you are, Q.V. Our margin of
error is less than one tenth per
cent.

ROOPER

In layman's terms, that means we
are never wrong. And now if you'll
excuse us, we have an appointment
with the other candidate.

51 ANGLE ON THREE

51

As one man they pick up their brief cases, FLIP THE BRIEF
CASES to show the reverse sides - which read:

"PENGUIN FOR MAYOR,"

and march out like toy soldiers.

52 NEW ANGLE - FEATURE MAYOR

52

He sits down and puts his head in his hands.

MAYOR

Gallus, Rooper, and Trendek
are never wrong. It's hopeless.
I can't possibly beat the
Penguin. He'll use every
underhanded political trick in
the book. And he probably
knows more underhanded tricks
than even I know.

BATMAN

It's true the Penguin is somewhat
devious in his methods, but --

Cont.

52 Cont.

52
Cont.

MAYOR

No, Batman. I don't have a chance. There's only one hope...

BATMAN

Yes?

MAYOR

You, Batman.

BATMAN

Me?

MAYOR

Yes, Batman. You are the only candidate popular enough to stand a chance of beating that tricky bird.

COMMISSIONER GORDON

The Mayor's right, Batman. The Penguin will try to smear whoever runs against him. You're the only man in Gotham whose reputation is spotless enough to stand up against him.

BATMAN

But...

ROBIN

I think they're right, Batman.

MAYOR

You've got to run, Batman. I can run as deputy mayor on your ticket, and after you win you can resign in my favor. It's the only way to save Gotham City from the clutches of that feathered fiend.

53 ANGLE ON BATMAN

53

He walks to the window, his brow knitted as he considers the awesome responsibility.

BATMAN

To run for Mayor of a great American city like Gotham. It's a great responsibility. Am I worthy of it?

54 ANGLE - THE NOMINATORS

54

ROBIN

If you're not, nobody is, Batman.

55 CLOSE SHOT - THE RELUCTANT CANDIDATE

55

BATMAN

To run for such an office would
be a high honor, of course. But
also a heavy burden. Guardian
of the People's Trust. It's an
awesome responsibility.(shakes his
head)

No. No, I'm not worthy of it.

56 RESUME - NOMINATORS

56

COMMISSIONER GORDON

You're the only man in Gotham City
who is worthy of it, Batman.

ROBIN

You've got to accept, Batman.

MAYOR

We're the representatives of the
people. And we call upon you to
save the Gotham from the horrible
fate of having the Penguin as mayor.

57 BATMAN - FROM BEHIND

57

He is looking out the window. We can see his shoulders
heave in a mighty sigh as he makes the inevitable decision.
He turns and looks directly into camera.

BATMAN

(very solemn)

Very well. I accept the call of
the people.

58 ANGLE - THE NOMINATORS

58

ALL

(shouting
in unison)

Hooray! Batman for Mayor!

BAT SPIN TO:

59 EXT. PENGUIN CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS - DAY 59
 Unmistakeably, since a fifty foot banner announces in huge letters...

"PENGUIN CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS."

CAMPAIGN WORKERS bustle in and out the entrance, carrying posters, literature, etc.

60 INT. PENGUIN HEADQUARTERS - DAY 60
 A large room, through which are scattered more busy campaign workers, including the PENGUIN GIRLS, red-white-and-blue lovelies in short skirts and straw boaters, faintly reminiscent (i.e., exact duplicates) of the Goldwater and Johnson girls.

61 ANGLE ON GROUP OF WORKERS 61
 Campaign posters are spread out on a table in front of them.

WORKER
 (looking up)
 There he is!

SECOND WORKER
 Our candidate!

62 ANGLE ON PENGUIN 62
 Entering with his usual jaunty waddle. WE HEAR a great CHEER go up from the workers.

63 WIDER ANGLE 63
 as workers run up to the Penguin, HOIST HIM ONTO THEIR SHOULDERS, and carry him through the room,

ALL THE WORKERS
 (singing
 in unison)
 For he's a jolly good Penguin,
 for he's a jolly good Penguin,
 for he's a jolly good Penguin...

64 CLOSE ON PENGUIN 64
 a perch the shoulders.

PENGUIN
 ...which nobody can deny.
 Quack, quack.

65 RESUME - WIDER ANGLE

65

They set him down.

PENGUIN

Now everybody back to work.
When we get through with this
campaign, even Mayor Lindy will
vote for me.

66 ANGLE ON COLLECTION TABLE

66

So designated because of the sign on it:

"PENGUIN CAMPAIGN FUND."

Several HOODS are lined up at the table, giving their campaign contributions to a campaign worker who sits behind it. The first hood deposits a small pile of JEWELRY in front of the collector.

COLLECTOR

Thanks for your contribution,
Lefty.

The collector sweeps the jewelry into a larger pile of loot on the table, and hands the hood a button, which he pins to his lapel.

67 INSERT - CONTRIBUTION BUTTON

67

Hands fastening it to lapel. "I GAVE" quoth the button.

68 RESUME - WIDER ANGLE

68

The first hood departs, and the second dumps a pile of WALLETS on the table.

Sink COLLECTOR

Come on, ~~Fingers~~, no holding out on the Penguin. Fork over.

The hood reluctantly reaches into his pocket and brings forth several more wallets, which he adds to the pile.

69 ANOTHER ANGLE - INCLUDE PENGUIN

69

with a Penguin Girl on each arm, walking by the table.

PENGUIN

Dig deep, boys. Remember, after I'm elected the whole city will be yours for the picking.

Cont.

69 Cont.

69
Cont.

PAN with him as he goes over to another group nearby: the "victims" whom he heroically saved. The blind news-dealer - not so blind after all, the mug who robbed him, the mother -- a bewigged hood, and the baby -- a cute little neoprene tyke.

PENGUIN

Well, my little vaudeville team, that was a fine performance you put on this afternoon.

MURK

But Pengy, the cops think the robbery was real. They're gonna throw me in jail for it.

PENGUIN

Brick-brained buffoon! Don't you realize that after I'm elected I'll appoint you Commissioner in charge of Jails, and you can throw the entire police force in jail. I'll have them all arrested on charges of obstructing crime and violence. Ha ha ha.

(looks o.s.)

Oho! The pulse takers of the electorate.

70 ANGLE ON POLLSTERS

70

Entering one, two, three.

71 ANOTHER ANGLE

71

Penguin goes to meet them.

PENGUIN

Quick, the latest figures. How much of a lead do I have now?

GALLUS

None.

PENGUIN

What! Three hours ago you told me I had sixty per cent of the electorate.

ROOPER

That was a pre-Batman poll.

Cont.

71 Cont.

71
Cont.

TRENDEK

Since Batman announced his
candidacy,

GALLUS

Fifty-five per cent favor Batman,

ROOPER

Thirty-five per cent favor the
Penguin,

TRENDEK

Seven per cent are undecided,

GALLUS

and three per cent are still
backing Harry Goldwinner, the
Monarchist candidate.

PENGUIN

(with relish)

So old pointy-ears has thrown
his cowl in the ring, eh? Good!
Once and for all I'll settle
things with that masked moron.
We'll fight it out on the listings.
When I get through with him he
won't garner enough votes to be
elected dog catcher. I'll teach
him to play around with a master
politician like the Penguin!

72 ANOTHER ANGLE

72

Penguin jumps up on a table to address the workers.

PENGUIN

Double the assessments! Triple
the size of the posters! Order
another one hundred thousand
campaign buttons! We'll give
the voters of Gotham City the kind
of campaign they like: pretty
girls, brass bands, catchy slogans,
and plenty of hoopla. But remember
-- no politics! Voters aren't
interested in politics. Issues
confuse them. A big smile, a hearty
handshake, and a catchy campaign
song -- that's the way to win an
election.

BAT SPIN TO:

73 EXT. BATMAN HEADQUARTERS - DAY

73

A modest building, bearing a small, barely visible sign near the entrance:

"BATMAN CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS."

74 INT. BATMAN HEADQUARTERS - DAY

74

In contrast to the buzz and bustle of the Penguin's headquarters, the mood here is quiet, restrained, and, of course, very, very earnest. Batman and Robin are looking over some posters laid out on a table.

ROBIN

Don't you think we could make them a little bigger, Batman?

BATMAN

I think these are quite large enough, Robin. After all, the voters are interested in issues, not window dressing.

ROBIN

Sure, Batman. But a little showmanship wouldn't hurt us any.

BATMAN

No, Robin, I want to conduct a straightforward campaign that deals with the issues. I'm convinced the American electorate is too mature to be taken in by cheap vaudeville tricks like pretty girls, straw hats, brass bands, and tricky slogans.

75 CLOSE ON BATMAN

75

BATMAN

After all, if we picked our national leaders on the basis of how they part their hair or how they look on a television screen, this country would be in a terrible mess, wouldn't it?

NARRATOR

And so, the battle begins...

76 EXT. STREET - DAY

76

Two BATMAN WORKERS are pounding a modest Batman campaign sign into the ground. "BATMAN FOR MAYOR" reads the sign, about the size of the "For Sale" signs seen on residential lawns. As the workers move OUT OF SHOT, PULL BACK AND TILT UP to show a HUGE PENGUIN BILLBOARD right behind the puny little Batman sign. In addition to a gargantuan picture of the Penguin, the billboard bears the legend, "ALL THE WAY WITH PENGY."

77 EXT. WOODEN FENCE - DAY

77

The fence is very long, though we can't tell this just yet, since the shot OPENS ON a Batman worker nailing up a small poster in the middle of the fence. As he finishes and moves off, PULL BACK BACK BACK to show two Penguin girls at one end of the fence, in the process of unrolling a one hundred foot (or whatever) poster which stretches the entire length of the fence and screams,

"IN YOUR HEART YOU KNOW HE'S SMART!"

The girls roll the poster right OVER the Batman sign and continue to the other end of the fence.

78 INT. PENGUIN HEADQUARTERS - DAY

78

The Penguin striding up and down on his table, directing the stream of workers that bustle around him,

NARRATOR

(v.o.)

And now the Penguin campaign moves into high gear... Gothamites everywhere are bombarded with Penguin propaganda.

79 INT. OFFICE - DAY

79

Feature a water cooler.

NARRATOR

(v.o.)

At work...

A shirt-sleeved man approaches the cooler, takes a PAPER CUP from a dispenser, then stares down at the cup with a puzzled expression.

80 INSERT - INSIDE OF PAPER CUP

80

"VOTE PENGY," it pleads.

81 INT. KITCHEN - DAY

81

Typical suburban kitchen with typical suburban frau opening can of foodstuffs on an electric can opener.

NARRATOR

(v.o.)

At home...

She removes the can from the can opener, and lifts the lid.
ZOOM IN TO:

82 CLOSE SHOT - INSIDE OF CAN LID

82

"WIN WITH PENGY" emblazoned on it.

83 EXT. BASEBALL STADIUM (STOCK)

83

NARRATOR

(v.o.)

At play...

WE HEAR the crack of the bat and a home run roar goes up from the crowd.

84 EXT. BLEACHER SEATS - DAY

84

Several spectators are on their feet, reaching for the home run ball. One snags it.

SPECTATOR

I got it! I got it!

He looks down at the baseball and registers nonplussment.

85 INSERT - BASEBALL

85

Pre-autographed, "VOTE FOR PENGY."

86 EXT. WALL - DAY

86

A worker pastes up a Batman poster: "VOTE FOR BATMAN." As he leaves, SANDWICH-BOARD MAN arrives with a front-board that reads "TIPPECANOE AND PENGY TOO." The sandwich man stops in front of the Batman poster, looks around furtively, then takes out an AEROSOL CAN and covers the poster with BLACK PAINT.

COP

(v.o.)

Hey you! That's against the law!

The sandwich man flees and we see his back board, which shows a large picture of Pengy, smiling.

87

WIDER ANGLE

87

The Cop chases the sandwich man.

COP

Stop! Stop or I'll shoot!

The sandwich man keeps on running. The cop stops and pulls his gun.

88

CLOSER ON COP

88

He aims and pulls the trigger -- whereupon a SMALL FLAG pops out of his gun barrel, reading "VOTE FOR PENGY."

89

ANGLE ON SANDWICH MAN

89

making good his escape. BUT NOW THE PICTURE ON HIS BACK BOARD SHOWS PENGY WITH HIS MOUTH WIDE OPEN IN A HILARIOUS GUFFAW.

90

INT. COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE - DAY

90

Commissioner Gordon seated at his desk, Chief O'Hara pacing back and forth in front of it.

COMMISSIONER GORDON

Well, Chief, how does the campaign look to you?

CHIEF O'HARA

I don't know, Commissioner. At first I thought Batman would be a shoo-in. But that blasted bird is putting on a fantastic campaign.

Chief O'Hara puts his hands on the desk and leans toward Commissioner Gordon to emphasize his point.

CHIEF O'HARA

There's nowhere in Gotham he doesn't have one of his ugly posters. He lowers his head in dejection. I just don't know, Commissioner.

Commissioner Gordon stares fixedly at the top of Chief O'Hara's cap.

91

CHIEF O'HARA - OVER COMMISSIONER GORDON'S SHOULDER

91

On top of Chief O'Hara's cap is printed: "VOTE FOR PENGY." Commissioner Gordon stands up and snatches Chief O'Hara's cap from his head, revealing (what his chair has heretofore concealed) "GO WITH PENGY" inscribed on the back of Commissioner Gordon's jacket.

92

~~ANOTHER ANGLE~~

92

Commissioner Gordon goes to a wastebasket and hurls the cap into it, as he turns Chief O'Hara catches sight of the slogan on the back of his jacket.

CHIEF O'HARA

Uh, Commissioner.

Commissioner Gordon is facing away from Chief O'Hara. He stops and speaks over his shoulder.

COMMISSIONER GORDON

What?

Chief O'Hara just stares at the back of his jacket.

COMMISSIONER GORDON

Oh no.

93

HEAD-ON - COMMISSIONER GORDON

93

He rips off his jacket, and hurls it to the floor.

COMMISSIONER GORDON

We'd better hope things pick up
after the big Batman rally this
afternoon.

PAN as he goes to his chair and sits down - turning his back toward the camera as he does so. Needless to say, "WIN WITH PENGY" is printed in bold letters on the back of his SHIRT.

BAT SPIN TO:

94

EXT. BATMAN CAMP HEADQUARTERS - DAY

94

OPEN CLOSE on a modest sign: "BATMAN RALLY TODAY" then PULL BACK to show TWO MEN and THREE MOTHERS waiting. The mothers come equipped with baby-stocked PRAMS.

MAN

Gotham City needs someone like Batman in the mayor's mansion.

MOTHER

You're absolutely right. If that shifty Penguin won, the streets wouldn't be safe for our children, any more.

We HEAR the whine of approaching Bat-turbines o.s.

MAN

(looks o.s.)

There he is.

95

ANOTHER ANGLE - INCLUDE BATMOBILE

95

as it pulls up to the curb and Batman and Robin get out. The five people move toward the curb.

MAN

(shaking hands)

We've come down for your rally, Batman! We're with you all the way!

BATMAN

Thank you. I appreciate your support.

MOTHER

And we've brought our babies down for you to kiss.

BATMAN

I, uh, I'm afraid I can't do that.

MOTHER

(shocked)

What?

BATMAN

I have a slight cold, and I wouldn't want to give it to the little tykes.

MOTHER

A politician who won't kiss babies! Why that's outrageous!

Cont.

95 Cont.

95
Cont.

The mothers join in a mutual scowl. The babies begin to HOWL.

BATMAN

I know it's a bit unusual, but --

MAN

(frowning)

It's more than unusual. It's downright suspicious.

PENGUIN

(calling from o.s.)

It's more than suspicious. It's downright criminal!

96 ANOTHER ANGLE - INCLUDE PENGUIN

96

as he bustles up to the group.

PENGUIN

But what can you expect from this fake politician? Where are the little darlings?

MOVE IN as the Penguin leans over one of the prams.

PENGUIN

Adorable! Absolutely adorable.

WE HEAR the loud SMACK of Penguin's kiss. He moves to the next pram. The mothers beam.

PENGUIN

I love children. And how could anyone not love such a beautiful, darling, sweet child as yours, madam? Anyone except Batman, that is.

He leans over to plant a noisy buss on the kid, then moves to the next pram.

PENGUIN

A beautiful child. Beautiful. Almost as pretty as its mother.

Another stereophonic kiss.

97 WIDER ANGLE

97

PENGUIN

Now don't tell me you fine voters are going to the Batman rally?

97 Cont.

97
Cont.

MOTHER

I wouldn't go if you paid me.
The man's a child-hater.

The three mothers push off in a huff.

PENGUIN

Down the block and to the right,
ladies. The Penguin rally is
already in full swing.

MAN

That's where we're going, too.
You can't trust a guy that
doesn't like kids.

The two men huff off.

ROBIN

You slimy snake-in-the-polls.
That was a dirty, low-down
trick.

PENGUIN

Right you are, Masked Muttonhead.
One of my lowest. Politics is
wonderful -- I can use all my
usual rotten tricks, but now
they're legal! I should have
become a politician years ago.
Ta ta.

98

ANGLE ON PENGUIN

98

as he skips off, doing a jig-step.

PENGUIN

(singing, to the
tune of "Big Bad
Wolf")

Oh, politics is the game for me,
the game for me, the game for me...

99

ANGLE ON DUO

99

BATMAN

Don't pay any attention to him,
Robin. And remember that most
politicians are honest servants
of the people. The dishonest
ones are exceptions.

100 CLOSE SHOT - BATMAN

100

Time for another of those ambiguities.

BATMAN

After all, if politicians weren't
honest, this country would be in
a terrible mess, wouldn't it?

101 EXT. PENGUIN HEADQUARTERS

101

Penguin and a BRASS BAND stand near the entrance. The band plays Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay while Penguin shouts. People stream inside, and an occasional passerby who tries to walk past is hooked by Penguin's umbrella and pulled in the door.

PENGUIN

Right inside, the monster Penguin
rally! Step right in, folks!
This way to the Penguin rally!
(hooking a passerby)
Where's your sense of civic duty,
you clod? Inside!

102 INT. BATMAN HEADQUARTERS

102

OPEN CLOSE on Batman, who is addressing his audience.

BATMAN

As candidate for mayor of Gotham City,
I hope that this campaign will be a
sober discussion of basic issues.

PULL BACK slowly, to show Batman is behind a lectern on a raised dais. Behind him on the dais are Commissioner Gordon, Chief O'Hara, Lindy, and Robin, in that order.

BATMAN

I am glad to see that there are
citizens who are concerned about
their city's welfare...

CONTINUE PULL BACK, moving down the center aisle, to show empty rows of wooden chairs on both sides of the aisle. A few OLD LADIES and VAGRANTS are scattered among the empty seats.

BATMAN

...and are willing to come down
here and listen to my analysis
of Gotham's basic problems.

103 TWO SHOT - COMMISSIONER GORDON AND CHIEF O'HARA 103

Chief O'Hara is fast asleep, with his chin on his chest.

COMMISSIONER GORDON

I wish Batman would put a little
more zip in his speech.

(sees Chief O'Hara's
asleep)

Chief! Chief!

CHIEF O'HARA

(waking)
Wha? Wha? Oh, sorry, Commissioner.

104 TWO SHOT - LINDY AND ROBIN

104

LINDY

Couldn't you get Batman to agree to
one little brass band?

ROBIN

Batman feels that a political campaign
should not be a vaudeville show, Mayor.

LINDY

This isn't a political campaign, it's
a funeral service.

105 RESUME - LONG SHOT - BATMAN

105

BATMAN

I know my opponent is having a rally
down the street, and I can only hope
that he, too, will address himself
to the basic issues.

106 INT. PENGUIN HEADQUARTERS

106

OPEN CLOSE on FOUR PENGUIN GIRLS doing a vaudeville strut
on a small stage.

GIRLS

(strutting and singing,
to the tune of
"Waltzing Matilda")

Vote for the Penguin, vote for the
Penguin, vote for the Penguin, he's
your kind of bird. He'll clean
things up, he'll scrub them down,
he'll remake good old Gotham Town,
vote for the Penguin, he's your
kind of bird.

107 ANGLE ON BAND

107

The same group that we saw outside the entrance. They're putting their souls into a deafening rendition of the Penguin song.

108 ANGLE ON PENGUIN

108

In the midst of a group of RALLIERS, including THREE LITTLE OLD LADIES (presumably from Pasadena) wearing SNEAKERS. Penguin is pouring champagne from a large bottle.

PENGUIN
Champagne for everybody!

MAN
(lifting his
glass)
Hooray for the Penguin!

LITTLE OLD LADY
(lifting glass)
Hooray for the Penguin!

PENGUIN
(lifting the
bottle)
Hooray for me!

109 RESUME - BAND

109

still wheezing away.

110 ANGLE ON STAGE

110

The girls are doing their strut, joined now by the Penguin at the end of the line.

GIRLS
(singing)
He'll clean things up, he'll scrub
them down, he'll remake good old
Gotham Town.

PENGUIN
(singing)
Vote for the Penguin, I'm your kind
of bird. Quack, quack!

LOUD APPLAUSE, as the girls leave the stage. The Penguin raises his hands for quiet.

Cont.

110 Cont.

110
Cont.

PENGUIN

Friends and fellow Gothamites,
 the Penguin platform is simple:
 extremism in defense of vice,
 moderation in pursuit of virtue.

111 ANGLE ON THREE LITTLE OLD LADIES

111

clapping their hands and stamping their sneakers.

112 RESUME - PENGUIN

112

combining the talents of William Jennings Bryan and
 Huey Long.

PENGUIN

The Penguin party is for mother!...

(applause and
 cheers)

...country!...

(applause and
 cheers)

...flag!...

(more cheers)

...alfalfa!...

(louder and
 louder cheers)

...mumbledy-peg!...

(louder get
 the cheers)

...gobbledy-gook!...

(the applause
 is deafening)

113 ANGLE ON THREE LITTLE OLD LADIES

113

LITTLE OLD LADY

It's such a pleasure to hear plain
 honest talk from a candidate instead
 of the usual political mumbo-jumbo.

BAT SPIN TO:

114 EXT. BATMOBILE COCKPIT - BATMAN AND ROBIN - DAY

114

ROBIN

No wonder we couldn't get anybody
 at our rally -- the Penguin was
 giving away free champagne down
 the block.

Cont.

114 Cont.

114
Cont.

BATMAN

To each his own, Robin. We'll just have to hope the voters aren't blinded by his tricks. What's on the agenda for the rest of the day?

ROBIN

(consulting
notebook)

You're scheduled to address two fraternal orders and a womens' garden club.

BATMAN

What's first?

ROBIN

An organization called the Grand Order of Occidental Nighthawks.

BATMAN

I don't remember seeing that name before.

ROBIN

Neither do I, but they called this morning and asked you to speak to the members.

BAT SPIN TO:

115 INT. G.O.O.N. HALL - DAY

115

Batman and Robin enter, are greeted by a tall GOON wearing FEZ and SCIMITAR. Across the front of his moorish costume is lettered "G.O.O.N."

GOON

Welcome to the Grand Order of Occidental Nighthawks, Batman.

BATMAN

(shaking hands)

Thank you. It's always a pleasure to talk to voters.

GOON

Our members can hardly wait.

116 ANGLE - GOON

116

Five or six of them, leering at Batman like cats at a morsel of cheddar.

117 TWO SHOT - DUO

117

ROBIN
(suspicious)
Batman, those faces look awfully familiar.

BATMAN
You're right, Robin. I recognize three of them from the Gotham City police files.

ROBIN
I smell a rat.

118 ANGLE - GOON

118

The leering greeter. He is running his finger up and down his DRAWN SCIMITAR.

GOON
Rat, Boy Wonder? Mouse is more like it. And guess who the cats are?

119 WIDER ANGLE

119

The Goons charge the Duo swinging their deadly scimitars.

120 ANGLE ON ROBIN

120

He knocks over a Goon and grabs his scimitar -- in time to raise it and parry the thrust of another Goon. Clank! Clank! they thrust and parry around the room.

121 ANGLE ON BATMAN

121

He dispatches a Goon and then dives to the floor as a scimitar sails through the air and embeds itself in the wall just over his head.

122 ANOTHER ANGLE - BATMAN

122

He pulls the scimitar out of the wall, picks up a second from the floor, and is equipped to parry the blows of two Goons simultaneously. They both attack him fiercely, but the ambidextrous swashbuckler holds them off with ease. Then he ceases playing with them, lets one lunge by him into the wall, and slugs the other into oblivion. But...

123 ANGLE ON ROBIN

123

The greeter holds him from behind, his scimitar at the jugular.

GOON

All right, Batman, enough of the fancy swordplay.

124 WIDER ANGLE

124

Batman puts up his hands, and the Duo is surrounded by the Goons.

GOON

Since you're so eager to discuss weighty issues in the campaign, Batman, we've fixed up a little surprise for you.

BAT SPIN TO:

125 INT. GOON HALL

125

The trussed Duo has been laid on one side of a huge set of APOTHECARY'S SCALES. On the other is a large mound of HAY. Underneath the Duo is a large vat of BUBBLING SULPHURIC ACID.

GOON

(calling)
Bring in Josephine, boys.

126 ANGLE ON CAMEL

126

being led to the scales by two of the Goons.

127 ANOTHER ANGLE

127

The camel is led up to the scales and begins munching on the hay.

128 ANGLE ON PENGUIN

128

Running into the hall, he stops and stares with mock-horror at the scene.

PENGUIN

What's going on here? How dare you threaten the life of a political candidate. This is outrageous!

129 ANOTHER ANGLE

as the Penguin runs over to the scales.

PENGUIN

Outrageous, I say! Why, with
every bite of hay that camel
takes, Batman and Robin are
lowered closer and closer to...

He leans over the bubbling vat and plunges his umbrella
in it. WE HEAR the HISS of the acid.

130 CLOSE ON PENGUIN

130

He pulls out the STUB of his umbrella and stares at it.

PENGUIN

...to a vat of sulphuric acid!
How horrible! I repeat, this
is an outrage! I intend to
summon the police this very
instant!

131 ANOTHER ANGLE

131

Penguin runs to a COIN TELEPHONE on the wall. He lifts
the receiver and goes through his pockets, looking for
a dime.

PENGUIN

Dear me, I seem to have run out
of dimes. How tragic.

132 WIDER ANGLE

132

PENGUIN

Never fear, Batman. I will run
to the police station in person.
If I hurry, I should be there in
three or four hours at the very
most.

133 CLOSE ON PENGUIN

133

PENGUIN

I'm off and running!

He takes several steps in exaggerated slow-motion.

PENGUIN

Citizen Penguin to the rescue!
(laughs madly)

134	CLOSE SHOT - CAMEL	134
	MUNCHING.	
135	CLOSE SHOT - SCALE POINTER	135
	TWITCHING.	
136	CLOSE SHOT - DUO	136
	LOWERING, to accompanying narration (to be supplied later).	
		FADE OUT

END OF PART ONE



PART TWO

FADE IN

137 REPRISE OF PART ONE

137

To follow.

FADE OUT

FADE IN

138 INT. GOON HALL - DAY

138

Batman and Robin on the scales.

139 CLOSE ON DUO

139

ROBIN

Three more bites and we'll be
in the soup, Batman.

BATMAN

It's my fault, Robin. I should
have recognized those goons as soon
as we saw them.(rolls to the
edge of the
platform)

Well, here goes.

ROBIN

(aghast)

Batman!

140 CLOSE ON BATMAN

140

He rolls off into the sulphuric acid. WE HEAR a deafening
HISS, and the shot is obscured by SMOKE.

ROBIN

(o.s.)

Batman!

141 WIDER ANGLE

141

Robin is high in the air, Batman's fall having unbalanced
the scale. Batman is standing in the acid vat, smoke
rising around him.

ROBIN

Batman! Are you all right?

BATMAN

Yes, thanks to Alfred. Remember how
he insisted on making these new
costumes out of acid-proof material?

ROBIN

That's right, I remember now. You
sure gave me a fright, though.

141 Cont.

141
Cont.

BATMAN

Just a second and I'll dissolve
these ropes.

He dissolves his wrist-bonds in the acid.

BATMAN

Now to get you down from there
and we'll be out of here.

BAT SPIN TO:

142 INT. PENGUIN HEADQUARTERS - DAY

142

One of the Penguin Girls is showing Penguin a board of
campaign buttons for his approval.

PENGUIN

Never mind the campaign buttons.
As of now it's a one man race.
(laughs)

One of the goons (minus moorish garb) ENTERS SHOT and
whispers something in Penguin's ear.

143 CLOSER SHOT - PENGUIN AND GOON

143

PENGUIN

(irate)

Acid-proof costumes! Faugh!
That bandy-legged buffoon! Well,
he's not smear-proof. When I get
through with him in our TV debate
even his own mother won't vote for him.

144 EXT. BATMOBILE COCKPIT - BATMAN AND ROBIN - DAY

144

ROBIN

This is ridiculous, Batman. Debating
the Penguin on television when he tried
to kill you not two hours ago.

BATMAN

I know, Robin. But we have no witnesses
and no proof. If I mentioned it, the
Fair Campaign Practices Committee might
accuse me of using smear tactics. I
certainly wouldn't want that.

BAT SPIN TO:

145 INT. GORDON'S OFFICE - DAY

145

Gordon is walking toward a television set, eye on his watch.
O'Hara pacing.

COMMISSIONER GORDON

It's almost time for the debate,
Chief.

CHIEF O'HARA

I'll bet Batman will wipe up the
floor with that two-faced fraud. His
weasely brain is no match for Batman's
razor sharp mind.

COMMISSIONER GORDON

There's no doubt that Batman can
out-think him. The trouble is,
Batman is honest. And an honest man
in politics is like a three-legged
horse in the Kentucky Derby. X

146 INT. TELEVISION STUDIO - DAY

146

Batman and Penguin sit in chairs facing the cameras, separated
by a moderator's desk. Lecterns for each are nearby. Robin
is standing near Batman. TECHNICIANS run back and forth
adjusting lights etc.

147 ANGLE ON DUO

147

BATMAN

This may be the most important
battle we've ever fought, Robin.

148 WIDER ANGLE - INCLUDE PENGUIN

148

PENGUIN

Yes. Too bad you have to lose it,
Batman. Ha ha ha.

ROBIN

You'd better not try anything
underhanded, you quacking quipster.

PENGUIN

Keep your nose out of grown-ups
affairs, teenage truant. You're
not even old enough to cast a ballot!

ROBIN

(threatening)

I'm old enough to cast a good
right hook.

149 ANGLE ON DUO

149

Batman restrains Robin.

BATMAN

No, Robin. This contest will
be decided by the voters.

150 WIDER ANGLE

150

The MODERATOR takes his seat behind the desk.

VOICE

(o.s.)

Ten seconds!

The technicians clear out, silence settles down. Robin
moves off camera.

VOICE

(o.s.)

On the air!

MODERATOR

Good afternoon, ladies and
gentlemen.

151 INT. HOUSE - DAY

151

A MAN and a WOMAN watch a TELEVISION SET, on which we can
see the moderator.

MODERATOR

Station KGOM takes pleasure in
presenting a television debate
between...

152 INT. JAIL CELL - DAY

152

Several PRISONERS in striped suits sit around a portable
television set watching:

MODERATOR

....the two candidates for Mayor of
Gotham City: the Penguin...

153 ON THE TV SCREEN

153

we get a CLOSE SHOT of the Penguin.

PRISONERS

Yeah, Penguin!

154 INT. GORDON'S OFFICE - DAY

154

Chief O'Hara and Commissioner Gordon watching the television set.

MODERATOR
and Batman...

155 ON THE TV SCREEN

155

we get a CLOSE SHOT of Batman.

CHIEF O'HARA
Go to it, Batman! If he doesn't
win this debate, we're lost,
Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER GORDON
Lost isn't the word for it, Chief.

156 RESUME - STUDIO

156

MODERATOR
The Penguin will lead off the debate
with a short speech discussing
the major issues of the campaign.

157 ANGLE ON PENGUIN

157

As he stands up and takes his place behind the lecturn.

PENGUIN

Friends and fellow citizens,
first let me give you my solemn
word that there will be no mud-
slinging in this campaign --
unless of course my opponent
slings it. I intend to stick
to the issues. And what are
the issues? Only one: Batman!

(points)

Who is he?

158 CLOSE SHOT - BATMAN

158

PENGUIN

(o.s.)

Who is this acrobatic clown who
somersaults around Gotham City
in that ridiculous costume?

159 RESUME - PENGUIN

159

PENGUIN

I suggest that behind that mask
Batman is in reality a dangerous
criminal! Why else would he wear
the mask? Why else would he conceal
his past? Think a minute, my friends.
Whenever you've seen Batman, who is
he with? Criminals, that's who!
Look through your old newspapers.
Every picture of Batman shows him
among thieves and thugs. Hobnobbing
with crooks. Whereas my pictures
show me always surrounded by policemen.
I associate with the law. Which does
Gotham City want for its mayor: a man
like myself who is always in the
company of the law, or a man like
Batman who rubs elbows with the worst
elements of the city, and is probably
a desperate criminal himself!

(points to Batman)

Who else but a criminal would race
around town in a souped-up hotrod,
endangering the lives of school
children and stray dogs? Who else
but a criminal would keep the teen-age
Boy Wonder up late at night when he
should be doing his homework? Who else
but a criminal would refuse to remove his
hat when the National Anthem is played?
Think about it, my friends and fellow
citizens! Thank you!

160 INT. HOUSE

160

MAN

You know, the Penguin's right.
 Batman does associate with
 criminals.

161 INT. COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE

161

CHIEF O'HARA

Did you hear those lies? It's
 outrageous!

COMMISSIONER GORDON

That Penguin's a monster!

162 INT. CELL

162

The crooks are jumping for joy.

CROOK

Did you hear all those lies?
 It's beautiful!

SECOND CROOK

That Penguin's a genius.

163 RESUME - STUDIO - ANGLE ON BATMAN

163

At his lectern.

164 ANGLE ON PENGUIN

164

With his cigarette holder, he signals somebody o.s.

165 INT. SOUND CONTROL BOOTH

165

Two SOUND ENGINEERS are bound and gagged on the floor, and their places have been taken by two of Penguin's goons. One of the goons answers Penguin's signal through the glass window, while the other puts a record on a player. The first goon flips several SWITCHES and...

166 CLOSE SHOT - RECORD PLAYER

166

GIRLS' VOICES

(singing to the
 tune of "Waltzing
 Matilda")

Vote for the Penguin.

167 INT. COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE

167

OPEN CLOSE ON TV screen, where Batman appears in CLOSE SHOT and moves his lips, while...

167 Cont.

167
Cont.

GIRLS' VOICES
(singing)
...vote for the Penguin...

PULL BACK to show Gordon and O'Hara staring at the screen incredulously.

GIRLS' VOICES
(singing)
...vote for the Penguin, he's your kind of bird.

COMMISSIONER GORDON
What's going on!??

168 RESUME - STUDIO - ANGLE ON TWO TECHNICIANS - TIGHT TWO SHOT 168

One is wearing a set of headphones, and has one phone pulled away from his ear, from which WE HEAR...

GIRLS' VOICES
(singing, filtered)
He'll clean things up, he'll scrub them down,

One technician looks at the other and raises his hands in a shrug.

GIRLS' VOICES
(singing, filtered)
He'll remake good old Gotham town.

169 ANGLE ON STAGE

169

Batman is looking around in bewilderment, like everyone else, while the Penguin leans back and enjoys himself immensely.

GIRLS' VOICES
(singing)
Vote for the Penguin, he's your kind of bird.

Robin runs onto the stage.

ROBIN
This is your doing, you waddling hack politician!

PENGUIN
Tut tut, Wonder Midget, I can't help it if I have enthusiastic fans. Besides, now the voters won't be bored to death listening to Batman babble. Ha ha ha.

170 INT. COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE - CLOSE ON TV SCREEN - 170
DAY

We see the previous shot on the screen, and we hear the Penguin song. Suddenly the screen goes BLANK, and "SPECIAL NEWS FLASH!" blazes across it.

ANNOUNCER

(voice over)

We interrupt this broadcast for a special news flash: The Gotham City Convention Hall, containing two million dollars worth of displays for the forthcoming Jewelers Convention, is being robbed by a gang of criminals who have barricaded themselves inside and are holding off the police.

PULL BACK AND PAN to Commissioner Gordon and Chief O'Hara.

COMMISSIONER GORDON

Don't just stand there! Get down to Convention Hall!

CHIEF O'HARA

Right, chief.

171 INT. STUDIO

171

BATMAN

We'd better get down there, Robin.

They run off.

PENGUIN

Those two incompetents will botch the job for sure.

(raising his umbrella)

Citizen Penguin to the rescue!

He runs off.

MODERATOR

Ladies and gentlemen, both candidates have left the studio and are speeding to the Gotham Savings and Loan Company. Stay tuned to this station as the KGOM mobile news team brings you complete on-the-spot coverage.

172 EXT. STREET - DAY

172

Around the corner squeals the Batmobile, and zooms past the camera. As soon as it is out of shot, PENGUIN'S CAR squeals around the corner and zooms past camera, whereupon a MOBILE TV TRUCK squeals around the corner and follows the first two vehicles.

173 EXT. BATMOBILE COCKPIT - BATMAN AND ROBIN - DAY

173

ROBIN

It's awfully fishy that this robbery should happen right in the middle of your speech, Batman.

BATMAN

It does look suspicious, Robin. But remember, we have no proof.

ROBIN

(jerking thumb over shoulder)

What's even more suspicious is his following us down there.

174 EXT. PENGUIN'S CAR

174

Penguin sticks his head out the window and yells.

PENGUIN

Gotham voters are going to see who's really on the side of law and order in this campaign!

175 EXT. CONVENTION HALL - DAY

175

The Batmobile screeches to a stop and the Duo hop out. Penguin's car screeches up right behind it, and he hops out. The TV truck screeches up in show position, and technicians swarm out of it laden with cameras, mikes, cables, etc.

176 ANGLE ON ENTRANCE

176

The cops are firing in at the hoods, and O'Hara is supervising the battle. The Duo run INTO SHOT.

CHIEF O'HARA

Am I glad to see you two! They've got us pinned down.

BATMAN

You and your men stay here, Chief! Robin and I are going inside!

177 WIDER ANGLE

As Penguin shoves past Batman and Robin.

PENGUIN
One side, amateurs! Citizen
Penguin is here to re-establish
law and order!

He runs INTO THE BANK waving his umbrella. Batman and Robin follow. And they in turn are followed by the TV technicians carrying their gear. They disappear inside, except for WALTER KLONDIKE, an announcer.

178 ANGLE ON KLONDIKE AND CHIEF O'HARA

Klondike with pipe and microphone.

KLONDIKE
(to camera)
This is Walter Klondike, outside Gotham City Convention Hall, where one of the biggest robberies in Gotham's history is taking place right now. The two candidates for mayor have just gone inside to attempt to subdue the cutthroat gang that has held Gotham's police force at bay.

(to Chief O'Hara)
Chief O'Hara, how does it look to you?

CHIEF O'HARA
Grim, that's how it looks. I just hope Batman and Robin come out of it alive.

KLONDIKE
What about the Penguin?

CHIEF O'HARA
Him! I hope he--

KLONDIKE
(snatching the mike away from O'Hara)
Thank you, Chief O'Hara. And now we switch you to Chet Hinkley, inside Convention Hall. Come in, Chet.

179 INT. OBSERVATION PLATFORM - DAY

179

From which CHET HINKLEY presumably looks down on the convention floor. Beside him is a TV camera angled downward. A TV cameraman angles his camera downward.

HINKLEY

Thank you Walter. This is Chet Hinkley inside Convention Hall. From our post high above the convention floor we can see the entire battle spread out beneath us. Batman, Robin, and the Penguin are struggling furiously with the gang of thugs who are attempting to make off with over a million dollars worth of jewels.

180 HIS ANGLE - CONVENTION FLOOR

180

to get the flavor of a wild melee.

181 RESUME - HINKLEY

181

HINKLEY

It's bedlam down there, I can tell you that.

(leans forward)

Oops, it looks like the Boy Wonder is in trouble.

182 HIGH ANGLE - ROBIN AND HOODS 182
 Robin is battling two hoods in front, and doesn't see a third sneaking up behind him. The third raises a length of pipe and BOPPO! Robin slumps to the ground, unconscious.

183 RESUME - HINKLEY 183
 HINKLEY
 Looks like that's all for Robin.
 Now it's just Batman and the Penguin now. And the two candidates have their hands full.

184 HIGH ANGLE - BATMAN BATTLING 184
 Batman slugging it out with several hoods. "BIFF!" "BAM!" "POW!" the supered titles ZOOM UP:

185 HIGH ANGLE - PENGUIN FAKING 185
 Two hoods stand at attention in front of him, while he dances around tapping them with the boxing glove on the end of his umbrella. "SLAP!" "TAP!" "TICKLE!"

186 RESUME - HINKLEY 186
 HINKLEY
 Now let's switch to David Bruntley on the convention floor. Come in, David.

187 CLOSE SHOT - BRUNTLEY 187
 Armed with CREEPIE-PEEPIE and microphone.
 BRUNTLEY
 Thank you, Chet. This is David Bruntley on the convention floor. I've maneuvered over near Batman, and I'm going to see if I can get that candidate to say a few words to us.

PAN as he goes over to where Batman is battling several hoods nearby. Batman is barely holding his own in the uneven struggle.

188 TIGHT TWO SHOT - BRUNTLEY AND BATMAN 188
 Bruntley tries to interview Batman while he battles the hoods. Hoods are constantly lunging INTO SHOT and being batted away by the hard-pressed crusader, while Bruntley sticks right by his side.

Cont.

188 Cont.

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Cont.

BRUNTLEY

Is there anything at all you'd like to say to the television audience, Batman?

BATMAN

Thank you...

(lunge)

...for the opportunity, David,
but...

(duck)

...I'm afraid I can't...

(swing)

...say anything...

(grunt)

...now. Perhaps a little later...

BRUNTLEY

Of course, Batman. I --

189 WIDER ANGLE

189

Bruntley is suddenly sucked into the vortex of the fight. Batman and the hoods trade punches over and around him, and he staggers from side to side as the caroming bodies bounce off him.

190 INT. HOUSE

190

Showing the couple watching. The man is punching the air in empathy with the combatants.

191 ON THE TV SCREEN

191

is the battle as it would be seen FROM BUNTLEY'S CAMERA. Wild pans, tilts, lurches, fists and faces suddenly appearing in EXTREME CLOSEUP, etc. Finally a huge fist comes directly at the camera and...

192 RESUME - HALL - ANGLE ON BRUNTLEY

192

lying on the floor.

BRUNTLEY

We switch you back to Chet Hinkley, high above the convention floor.

193 RESUME - HINKLEY

193

HINKLEY

Thank you, David. This is Chet Hinkley, high above the convention floor. The battle is raging hot and heavy below us, Batman is barely holding his own so far...wait a minute...

194 ANGLE - BATMAN 194
 putting a hood out of action for good.

195 RESUME - HINKLEY 195
 HINKLEY
 He got one!

196 CLOSE SHOT - TOTEBOARD 196
 The shot shows only the LEFT SIDE of the toteboard, with "BATMAN" printed at the top. The SCOREKEEPER scores one for Batman with a heavy crayon.

197 RESUME - HINKLEY 197
 HINKLEY
 Now it looks like the Penguin's about to get one...

198 HIGH ANGLE - PENGUIN AND HOOD 198
 The Penguin DRAWS BACK his umbrella-glove to throw a punch, but the hood keels over before he even launches it. The inveterate ham looks up into the camera with a grin, and raises a fist in a victory gesture.

199 RESUME - HINKLEY 199
 HINKLEY
 He did! Score one for the Penguin.

200 FULL SHOT - TOTEBOARD 200
 "BATMAN" at top left, and "PENGUIN" at top right. The single, lonely mark under Batman, while under the Penguin are HALF A DOZEN, to which is added another by the scorekeeper's crayon.

201 RESUME - HINKLEY 201
 HINKLEY
 It looks like the Penguin is rolling up a lead, but it's still a tight contest. It won't be over until all the bodies are counted. Now I think David has maneuvered over to the Penguin, so we'll switch you to David Bruntley, on the convention floor. Come in, David.

202 CLOSE SHOT - BRUNTLEY

202

BRUNTLEY

Thank you, Chet. This is David Bruntley, on the convention floor. I'm going to see if I can get a few words from the other candidate.

PAN as he goes over to the Penguin, who is attacking a row of hoods who have lined up to take their kayos. Pengy taps the first one, who falls over. The second steps up. Tap....fall.

203 TIGHTER SHOT - BRUNTLEY AND THE PENGUIN

203

BRUNTLEY

Is there anything you'd like to say to our television audience, Penguin?

PENGUIN

I'm very busy...
 (fake swing)
 ...right now, David...
 (fake lunge)
 ...as you can see...
 (fake duck)
 ...fighting to maintain law and order in Gotham City.

BRUNTLEY

Of course. Perhaps a little later -

PENGUIN

(grabs the microphone)

But I always have time for the voters, even when my own life is in danger.

(to camera)
 Friends and fellow Gothamites, now that you've seen both candidates in action, you can decide for yourselves which of us will serve Gotham City better.

BRUNTLEY

You seem to be putting more thugs out of action than Batman. How do you explain that?

Cont.

203 Cont.

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Cont.

PENGUIN

It's proof that I was right
about Batman. He's in cahoots
with the criminal elements of
Gotham City.

BRUNTLEY

Thank you for your opinion, Penguin.
And now --

PENGUIN

(grabbing mike)

Remember, vote for me on election
day!

Bruntley and Penguin struggle over the mike.

BRUNTLEY

Thank you, Penguin --

PENGUIN

Put an X in the Penguin column.

BRUNTLEY

If you please, Penguin --

PENGUIN

Vote for the Penguin!

Bruntley finally manages to tear the mike out of the eager candidate's grasp. Penguin mugs for the camera and raises both hands in a victory salute as Bruntley speaks.

BRUNTLEY

We switch you now to Chet Hinkley,
high above the convention floor.
Come in, Chet.

204 RESUME - HINKLEY

204

HINKLEY

Thank you, David. This is Chet Hinkley,
high above the convention floor. Now
let's take a look at the latest figures
on our KGOM scoreboard...

205 ANGLE ON SCOREBOARD

205

HINKLEY

(o.s.)

As of now, the score stands:
Penguin twelve, Batman two.

206 RESUME - HINKLEY

206

HINKLEY

The Penguin is certainly putting on a fine display. Thanks to his efforts there seem to be only three of the gang left standing.

207 HIGH ANGLE - BATMAN AND THREE HOODS

207

They're all over him. Penguin runs INTO SHOT.

PENGUIN

Villains! I'll teach you to despoil our beautiful city!

He raises his umbrella threateningly.

HOODS

It's the Penguin!

The hoods keel over, knocked out by the very sight of the Waddling Scourge. Batman, dazed and groggy, staggers back against a display case.

208 RESUME - HINKLEY

208

HINKLEY

What a man! The Penguin has certainly gained some political mileage today. Let's take a look at the final score.

209 ANGLE ON SCOREBOARD

209

Batman -- 2, Penguin -- 15.

HINKLEY

(o.s.)

There you see it: Batman two, Penguin fifteen.

210 MED. SHOT - PENGUIN AND REPORTERS

210

Several REPORTERS are clustered around him, firing ad-lib questions.

211 ANGLE - BATMAN

211

All alone, still somewhat groggy. Robin ENTERS SHOT, rubbing the back of his head.

Cont.

211 Cont.

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BATMAN
Robin, are you all right?

ROBIN
Sure, Batman. One of them
caught me from behind.

Batman staggers, and Robin supports him.

ROBIN
Lean on me, Batman.

212 ANOTHER ANGLE

212

They start to walk, Batman leaning heavily on Robin.

BATMAN
Thanks, Robin. There were
just too many for me. But
somehow the Penguin was
knocking them down left and
right.

ROBIN
The whole thing was a set-up,
Batman. That waddling weasel
planned it!

BATMAN
Perhaps, but I'm afraid we can't
prove it.

TWO PHOTOGRAPHERS rush by on their way to the Penguin.
They completely ignore Batman and Robin.

BATMAN
Nobody likes a loser.

ROBIN
You're not a loser. You were
tricked.

BATMAN
Let's just hope that the Gotham
voters aren't tricked.

213 INT. HOUSE

213

MAN

No doubt about it now. Penguin's the man for mayor. Did you see how he took care of those hoods? I'll bet criminals all over Gotham are shaking in their boots right now.

214 INT. CELL

214

CONVICTS

(singing)

Hooray for the Penjuin, hooray for the Penguin, hooray for the Penguin, he's our kind of bird.....

215 INT. COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE

215

Commissioner Gordon stares glumly at the darkened TV set.

COMMISSIONER GORDON

(to himself)

It's a black day for Gotham.

216 INT. BATMAN HEADQUARTERS

216

A pall of gloom hangs over Commissioner Gordon, Chief O'Hara, Lindy, and Robin as they sit around waiting for the first returns. Only Batman is unworried.

LINDY

I just talked to Gallus, Rooper, and Trendek.

GORDON

Well, how bad was it?

LINDY

The latest poll showed sixty-five per cent for Penguin, and thirty-five per cent for Batman.

Groans from the assemblage.

ROBIN

Can't Gothamites see that Penguin is just pulling the wool over their eyes?

LINDY

When you've been in politics as long as I have Robin, you'll understand that the voters like to have the wool pulled over their eyes.

Cont.

216 Cont.

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Cont.

CHIEF O'HARA

There's truth in that, begorra!
 They're never happier than when some
 politician is lying through his
 teeth to 'em.

BATMAN

I think you underestimate the
 good people of Gotham, Chief.

COMMISSIONER GORDON

But look at the poll, Batman.

BATMAN

Candidates aren't elected by polls,
 Commissioner. It still takes votes--
 at least in this country.

ROBIN

But sixty-five per cent is a big
 margin, Batman.

BATMAN

I know it looks grim, Robin. But
 let's wait until the votes are counted
 before we throw in the towel.

CHIEF O'HARA

(turning on
 TV set)

We should be getting the first
 returns now.

217 ANGLE ON TV SCREEN

217

ON SCREEN, Walter Klondike, pipe in teeth, sits behind his desk.

KLONDIKE

First returns in the Mayor's
 election have just come in.
 As usual, the northeastern precincts
 are reporting earliest. And the
 tally from the northeast gives Penguin
 twelve thousand five hundred seventy-four,
 and Batman nine thousand six hundred
 eighty-two.

218 ANGLE ON WATCHERS

218

Groan, groan.

COMMISSIONER GORDON

A three thousand vote lead already--
and that's only the first few precincts.

ROBIN

It looks pretty bad, Batman.

BATMAN

I still have confidence in the voters,
Robin.

WE HEAR the phone ring. Gordon picks it up.

219 ANGLE ON COMMISSIONER GORDON

219

COMMISSIONER GORDON

Hello?

220 INT. PENGUIN HEADQUARTERS - ANGLE ON PENGUIN

220

phone in hand. Celebratory noise in b.g.

PENGUIN

Hello, Commissioner. This is the
next Mayor of Gotham City speaking.
I just wanted to tell you not to
worry about your job. I'm appointing
the Riddler Police Commissioner and
he's promised me that he'll give you
your old job back--pounding the beat
on the waterfront.

(laughs)

221 RESUME - COMMISSIONER GORDON

221

COMMISSIONER GORDON

(enraged)

Why you...

222 RESUME - PENGUIN

222

PENGUIN

Tut tut, Commissioner, no harsh
words or I'll put you in charge
of cleaning sewers. And tell that
Irish stooge of yours that he will
have a job shining the shoes of the
new Police Chief--the Joker.

(laughs)

223 RESUME - COMMISSIONER GORDON

223

Slams down the phone. He looks at the others and swallows.

COMMISSIONER GORDON

The terrible thing is, in a few hours that mangy bird will be my boss!

224 RESUME - PENGUIN HEADQUARTERS

224

Penguin, the Penguin Girls, the three pollsters, and various others are in the midst of a confident victory celebration. A TV set is on, but nobody is watching it.

225 INT. NEWS DESK

225

Klondike's station. He holds a sheet of paper in his hand.

KLONDIKE

Here's a new development, ladies and gentlemen. Although the eastern precincts have gone heavily for the Penguin, the first return from the middle and western precincts show a Batman trend.

226 RESUME - PENGUIN HEADQUARTERS

226

Absolute silence reigns as the former celebrators cluster around the TV set.

KLONDIKE

(o.s.)

Penguin was leading by almost thirty thousand votes until the western returns began to come in.

227 ANGLE ON POLLSTERS

227

Gallus, Rooper, and Trendek stare at the TV screen.

KLONDIKE

(o.s.)

Now his lead has narrowed to ten thousand and continues to shrink. This election may have a few surprises in it.

The three exchange looks.

228 WIDER ANGLE

228

As Penguin runs up to the three.

PENGUIN

You three blowhards told me
I couldn't lose! What's happening!

The three speak to each other.

GALLUS

The X factor?

ROOPER

Random sampling error?

TRENDEX

Must be some slight miscalculation.

PENGUIN

You'd better pray that my lead
holds or you'll be taking a
random sampling of river water--
from the bottom!

229 INT. BATMAN HEADQUARTERS

229

The first rays of hope peep over the dark horizon.

COMMISSIONER GORDON

I can't believe it.

CHIEF O'HARA

It's too good to be true.

ROBIN

Shh. The returns.

230 ANGLE ON TV SCREEN

230

KLONDIKE

Here are the latest reports. The
Batman trend is continuing. The
Western precincts are going solidly
for Batman, and the Caped Candidate
has pulled to within a thousand votes
of the Penguin. If this trend keeps
up, Batman will win by a comfortable
margin.

231 RESUME - THE CREW

231

They all turn toward Batman.

ROBIN

You were the only one who really had faith in the voters, Batman.

CHIEF O'HARA

I'm ashamed of myself, Batman.

COMMISSIONER GORDON

We're all ashamed, Batman. While we were all ready to jump off the ship, you never lost your courage. You brought us through the storm.

LINDY

I'd never would have believed the polls could be wrong, Batman.

BATMAN

There have been other candidates who trusted too much in the polls, Mayor. And they found out that it's the votes that count. The smart politician trust the voters, not the polls.

232 CLOSE SHOT - BATMAN

232

BATMAN

After all, if you can't trust the voters, who can you trust?

233 INT. PENGUIN HEADQUARTERS

233

Penguin and several HENCHMEN are leaving.

PENGUIN

Hang the polls and hang the pollsters! I'll win this election by hook or by crook.

They go out.

234 ANGLE ON POLLSTERS

234

HANGING BY THEIR HEELS from ropes tied to the ceiling.

235 CLOSER SHOT - POLLSTERS

235

Upside down.

GALLUS

I told you not to count those four hobos at the freight yards.

235 Cont.

235
Cont.

ROOPER

What about the two sword swallowers
and the lady wrestler you threw in?

TRENDEK

Nobody will ever listen to us again.

GALLUS

Don't worry, we can always get a
job rating TV shows. They believe
anything in that business.

BAT SPIN TO:

236 INT. HALL - ANGLE ON DOOR

236

"GOTHAM CITY BOARD OF ELECTIONS. NO ADMITTANCE. TABULATION
IN PROCESS." Penguin and henchmen move stealthily INTO SHOT.

PENGUIN

(softly)

If you can't count the votes,
you can't announce a winner. And if
you don't have an election board,
then you can't count the votes.

237 INT. BATMAN HEADQUARTERS

237

Victory is in the air.

COMMISSIONER GORDON

We're going to win!

CHIEF O'HARA

Saints be praised!

LINDY

Batman, you've taught me a few
things about politics.

WE HEAR the phone ring. Batman picks it up.

BATMAN

Hello?

238 INT. ABANDONED FACTORY - NIGHT

238

In the f.g. Penguin on the phone. Behind him we can see
the three ELECTION COMMISSIONERS are being held at gun point.
The major feature of this place is a huge BAILING MACHINE.
Although it merely looks like a huge box with openings
(man-size) front and back, a large sign proclaims its function

Cont.

238 Cont.

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Cont.

PENGUIN

The law says the votes can be counted only by a duly appointed board of elections, Batman.

239 RESUME - BATMAN

239

He takes the BAT-TRACER from his utility belt and clamps it onto the phone wire.

240 RESUME - PENGUIN

240

PENGUIN

Unless the City Council meets within half an hour and proclaims me Mayor of Gotham City, the Board of Elections will be counting votes at the morgue. And you can forget about your Bat-tracer, Batman. I'm not going to stay on the wire long enough to let you trace the call.

He hangs up.

241 RESUME - BATMAN

241

Takes the Bat-tracer off the wire and looks at it.

BATMAN

Mayor, the Penguin has kidnapped the board of elections. You'd better convene the City Council. Unless we can find the Penguin in half an hour, you'll have to proclaim the Penguin Mayor in order to save the lives of the board. Come on, Robin, we have some fast searching to do.

BAT SPIN TO:

242 EXT. BATMOBILE COCKPIT - DAY

speeding.

242

Bat-Tracer

BATMAN
The Bat-tracer didn't have sufficient time to trace the number, Robin, but it did manage to record the exchange.

ROBIN

But every exchange has tens of thousands of numbers.

BATMAN

Not this one. It happens to be the Klondyke "q" exchange -- one which the phone company took out of service years ago, except for a few old factory buildings near the river.

ROBIN

But it will still take us hours to search all of them.

BATMAN

True, but you and I are going to fish some bait out of the Batmobile trunk. Penguin bait.

BAT SPIN TO:

243 EXT. STREET - DAY

243

The Batmobile is parked, and Robin is lifting a mobile TV camera out of the trunk, while Batman sets up a gray screen and a microphone.

BATMAN

Get set with the camera, Robin, while I put up the transmitting aerial.

Batman presses some switch or other, and an AERIAL rises from the rear of the Batmobile.

BATMAN

Our mobile television transmitter is powerful enough to cover all the frequencies at this range. So no matter what channel the Penguin turns on, he'll be receiving our broadcast.

Cont.

243 Cont.

243
Cont.

ROBIN
If he turns it on at all.

BATMAN
We've just got to hope. I'm banking on his ego. If he does turn it on, he'll get what he thinks is a very pleasant surprise.

ROBIN
(smiles grimly)
Only it'll turn out to be very unpleasant for him.

244 ANOTHER ANGLE

244

Batman stands in front of the microphone against the gray backdrop, while Robin focuses the camera on him.

BATMAN
Ready?

ROBIN
You're on the air, Batman.

245 INT. FACTORY

245

Several goons are around a portable television set. In the b.g., Penguin yells...

PENGUIN
Turn that thing off. I'm not interested in the returns any more.

GOON
Wait a minute, Pengy. I think you'll be interested in this.

246 ANOTHER ANGLE

246

Penguin comes over to the set.

247 INSERT - TV SCREEN

247

Batman on screen in a waist shot from Robin's P.O.V.

BATMAN
And due to the last returns, which have given the Penguin a commanding lead, there is no chance of my overtaking him. Therefore I am conceding the election.

248 RESUME - BATMAN AND ROBIN

248

BATMAN

I can only wish the Penguin luck
in his new job as Mayor of
Gotham City.

249 RESUME - PENGUIN

249

PENGUIN

I've won! I've won! And it's
legal! I beat that cowled creep
~~Penguin!~~

250 ANOTHER ANGLE

250

Penguin rushes to the door, opens it.

PENGUIN

(running)

I've won! I'm the new Mayor of
Gotham.

251 ANGLE - PENGUIN - FROM OTHER SIDE OF DOORWAY

251

PENGUIN

I'll squeeze the city dry!

*Long
shot*

252 RESUME - BATMAN AND ROBIN

252

looking up and o.s.

PENGUIN

(calling faintly
from o.s.)

I'll pick Gotham's bones and throw
the carcass to the buzzards!

BATMAN

There he is, Robin! Let's go!

They run off.

253 RESUME - PENGUIN

253

PENGUIN

Wait a minute! I have the board of
elections here! They can't have
counted any more votes! I've been
tricked!

(sees Batman and
Robin o.s.)

It's them!

254 ANOTHER ANGLE - FROM INSIDE

254

He runs back into the room.

PENGUIN

He tricked me! A dirty, rotten, underhanded trick. I'll report this to the Fair Campaign Practices Committee!

255 ANGLE ON DUO

255

arriving in the doorway.

ROBIN

You said we associated with criminals, Penguin. That's why we're here.

256 WIDER ANGLE

256

Batman and Robin leap into the fray.

257 ANGLE - ROBIN AND GOON

257

Robin knocks the goon into the bailing machine, and his head trips the activating switch. WE HEAR the machine start up. They work around to the front of the machine, and Robin knocks the hood onto the conveyer that leads inside it. Robin turns to deal with another goon, while....

258 ANGLE ON GOON

258

...the first goon disappears inside the machine. WE HEAR a GRINDING AND CLANKING from the machine, and...

259 ANGLE ON REAR OF MACHINE

259

...the goon comes out of the machine wrapped to the eyes in BAILING WIRE, neatly trussed and packaged.

260 ANGLE - BATMAN AND GOONS

260

One of the goons picks up piece of two-by-four from the floor. Wielding it as a club, he charges Batman. Batman sidesteps, and the goon sails on by heading for the machine...

261 ANOTHER ANGLE

261

as the hood sails right into the machine, still clutching his two-by-four. WE HEAR the metallic belches of the machine as it digests the goon. Then...

262 ANGLE - REAR OF MACHINE 262
 ...the goon comes out WRAPPED AROUND THE two-by-four, wired to it like shish on a bob.

263 ANGLE - THE FRAY 263
 Batman and Robin knock the remaining goons into the machine in rapid succession, and...

264 ANGLE - REAR OF MACHINE 264
 ...each comes out trussed to the eyes and is stacked in the growing pile.

265 ANGLE - DUO AND PENGUIN 265
 Penguin is the only one left now. Batman and Robin move toward him. Penguin backs off.

PENGUIN

Remember, I'm a candidate for Mayor of Gotham City. Lay hands on me and I'll have the voters after you. Keep your distance. Keep your distance, I say!

ROBIN

I think it's time for us to wrap up the election, Batman.

BATMAN

I take it you mean wrap up the candidate.

ROBIN

Exactly.

PENGUIN

No! Keep away!

Batman grabs his arms, and Robin his legs, and they carry him over to the machine like a sack of flour.

PENGUIN

Put me down! You can't do this to me! I'm a registered political candidate! I'll have you arrested for subverting the democratic process!

They toss him into the machine. WE HEAR his loud quacks amid the grinding and clanking of the machine.

266 ANGLE - REAR OF MACHINE 266
 Out comes the Penguin, a neat little bundle.

267 WIDER ANGLE ~ INCLUDE DUO

267

ROBIN

In case you're interested, Penguin,
Batman won the election by an
overwhelming margin. The votes
were already counted when you
kidnapped the board.

PENGUIN

Fraud! Fraud, I say! I demand a
recount!

BATMAN

Don't worry, you'll have another
chance soon. The Convicts' Committee
at State Prison is holding its
election next week. You'll arrive
just in time to run for chairman.

ROBIN

And if you need any endorsements,
Penguin, just let us know.

FADE OUT

END OF PART TWO

TAG

FADE IN

268 INT. BATCAVE - DAY

268

Batman, Robin, and Alfred.

ALFRED

I don't believe I had a chance
to congratulate you on your
victory, sir.

BATMAN

Thank you, Alfred. Now that I've
resigned in favor of Mayor Lindy,
Gotham will be in good hands for
another four years. And if nothing
else, Robin got some first hand
knowledge of civics.

ROBIN

Bulging ballot boxes, Batman,
I've had enough experience to
last me for years.

BATMAN

You can never have enough
experience when it comes to
politics, Robin. As many
politicians have discovered.

The Batphone screams for attention.

269 ANOTHER ANGLE

269

Alfred picks up the phone.

ALFRED

Yes?

We see his face register awe.

ALFRED

Why, yes he is. One moment.

He hands the phone to Batman.

270 CLOSE ON BATMAN

270

Robin hovering.

Cont.

270 Cont.

270
Cont.

BATMAN

Thank you very much. I'm flattered that the ~~Republican~~ National Committee should be interested in me as a candidate for 1968. But I'm afraid my Gotham City duties take precedence. Yes, if I ever change my mind I will definitely let you know.

He hangs up.

ROBIN

Bulging ballot boxes, Batman.
That was some offer.

271 WIDER ANGLE - INCLUDE ALFRED

271

ALFRED

*ON AIR**beginning*

And you aren't even a General, sir.

BATMAN

It was nice of them to call.

The Batphone rings again. The three of them exchange looks. What next? Batman picks up the phone.

BATMAN

Yes? Speaking...Thank you very much. It's a very flattering offer--but...I...thought your party had a candidate for 1968.

FADE OUT

THE END